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"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 30 through page 12, line 9 is amended as follows:

Figure 1 illustrates a cross section of the diffuser of the invention containing a smoothing layer on one side of the voided polymer diffuser. Light diffuser 12 comprises polymer smoothing layer 22 and an integral air voided polymer base. Air voids 24 are dispersed in polymer matrix 26. Smoothing layer 22 is integral to voided polymer matrix 26 and contains the smoothing layer/
30 voided polymer interface 28. (C)
layer

Figure 2 illustrates a liquid crystal display device with a light diffuser with a smoothing layer. Visible light source 18 is illuminated and light is guided into acrylic board 2. Reflector^{ion} tape 4 is used to focus of ~~axis~~ light energy (C) into the acrylic board 2. Reflection tape 6, reflection tape 10 and reflection film 8 are utilized to keep light energy from exiting the acrylic board in a unwanted direction. Diffusion film 12 containing a smoothing layer is utilized to diffuse light energy exiting the acrylic board in the direction perpendicular to the diffusion film. Brightness enhancement film 14 is utilized to focus the light energy into polarization^{film} 16. The diffusion film 12 containing a polymer
5 smoothing layer is in optical contact with brightness enhancement film 14. (C)
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